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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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**READ**—the following paper :—

### I

*Letter*—from the Rev. A. W. ATKINSON, Principal and Secretary, Ootacamund Lawrence Asylum.
*To*—the Director of Public Instruction.
*Dated*—Lovedale, the 25th February 1907.
*No.*—2948.

I have the honour, by direction of the Committee of this Asylum, to submit herewith copy of Resolution No. 15 of its Proceedings, dated the 15th instant, with a letter from the Roman Catholic priest, who visits the Asylum to impart religious instruction to the children of his faith.

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ENCLOSURES.

*Proceedings of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, dated 15th February 1907.*

Read letter from the Rev. Father Robin requesting a grant of Rs. 500 towards the cost of erecting a chapel in Lovedale.

*Resolution No.* 15.—Resolved that the Committee forward this application to Government with its recommendation that it be granted.

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*Letter*—from the Rev. Father L. Robin, Roman Catholic Priest, Ootacamund.
*To*—His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort St. George (through the Managing Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Lovedale).
*Dated*—the 12th February 1907.

I have the honour to call Your Excellency's attention to the following request in connection with the Lawrence Asylum, Lovedale, hoping to be granted a favourable reply.

As the number of Roman Catholic children in the above-said institution is at present 54 and will necessarily increase,

As it is necessary for the spiritual welfare of those children that Divine service should be held once a month at least,

As the place for Divine worship ought to be neat and built for the purpose,

As the priest himself is in need of a shelter when his presence is required,

I have started in the vicinity of the above-said institution the erection of a chapel, wherein the Roman Catholic children of that institution could meet for Divine service and wherein the priest could stay when his presence is needed.

Before beginning the work, I applied to the Members of the Managing Committee for a grant of Rs. 1,000 towards the erection of the said chapel. I received the following reply, dated 19th January 1906 :—" The Committee is of opinion that the funds of the Committee do not permit a grant being made."

Having made a strong appeal to the generosity of the public, I have been able to raise the building nearly to the roof. The expenses amount already to Rs. 2,000. Rs. 500 are still required to bring the work to completion, and I cannot realize that amount by further subscriptions.

So, as the above-said chapel is solely intended for the Roman Catholic children of the Lawrence Asylum and the servants of that same institution, I earnestly request Your Excellency to kindly allow the amount of Rs. 500 to be granted out of the funds of the institution towards the erection of that Roman Catholic chapel.

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*N. Ref. on C. No.* 1353, *dated* 5*th March* 1907.

Submitted to Government.

T. T. LOGAN,
*Ag. Director of Public Instruction.*

### II

**Memorandum No. 561-1, Educational, dated 23rd March 1907.**

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to ascertain and report, at a very early date, which of the members of the staff of the Lawrence Asylum are Roman Catholics and how many of the children and servants at present in the Asylum belong to this faith. He is also requested to report in what buildings the services of the various religious denominations are held.

(By Order).

C. A. SOUTER,
*Asst. Secretary to Govt.*

To the Director of Public Instruction.

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### III

*Letter*—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. LOGAN, B.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.
*To*—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
*Dated*—Madras, 15th April 1907.
*No.*—Ref. on Cur. 2174.

With reference to Memorandum No. 561-1, Educational, dated 23rd March 1907, I have the honour to state that the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, reports—

(1) that no member of the staff belongs to the Roman Catholic faith ;

(2) that 48 children and 9 menial servants are Roman Catholics ;

(3) that the Church of England services are held in the Asylum chapel ; and

(4) that a small room is set apart for the religious instruction of the Roman Catholic children and for mass when the priest gives notice.

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**Order—No. 304, Educational, dated 20th May 1907.**

The Government are pleased to sanction the payment of a grant of Rs. 500 from the funds of the Lawrence Asylum towards the cost of the Roman Catholic chapel which the Rev. Father Robin is constructing at Lovedale.

2. Children of the Lawrence Asylum professing the Roman Catholic faith will ordinarily be permitted to attend the chapel provided they are under the charge of a responsible member of the staff, approved by the Committee, and subject to the condition that, if the Principal at any time considers it undesirable owing to climatic conditions or prevalence of epidemics in the vicinity to allow the children to attend the chapel, the priest shall be bound to hold mass at the Asylum as he does at present.

3. Father Robin should, however, continue to give religious instruction twice a week at the Asylum itself, if required to do so.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
*Ag. Secretary to Government.*

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund
(through the Director of Public Instruction).
,, Director of Public Instruction.

# NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 304, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 20TH MAY 1907.

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[SUBJECT.—*Payment of grant towards the cost of erecting a Roman Catholic Chapel in Lovedale.*]

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*From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 5th March* 1907, *No.* 1353.

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A Roman Catholic priest of Ootacamund visits the Lawrence Asylum twice a week for imparting religious instruction to the children of his faith and once a month for mass. Under G.O., No. 709, Educational, dated 31st October 1905, this priest now gets a carriage or pony allowance of Rs. 20 a month.

*Vide* rule 26 of Lawrence Asylum rules on page 10 of G.O., No. 689, Educational, dated 22nd December 1906.

2. This priest now submits an application through the Lawrence Asylum Committee for a grant of Rs. 500 from the funds of the Asylum towards the construction of a Roman Catholic Chapel at Lovedale for the use of the Roman Catholic children of the Lawrence Asylum and of the servants of the same institution.

3. The Rev. Father Robin states that the number of Roman Catholic children in the Asylum is at present 54; that the number will increase in future; that a place of Divine worship is necessary for conducting Divine service for the spiritual welfare of the Roman Catholic children; and that the priest himself is in need of shelter when his presence is required.

How can he possibly say?
H. D. TAYLOR.

4. The Rev. Father Robin has therefore started in the vicinity of the Asylum the construction of a chapel with subscriptions raised from the public and the construction of the building nearly to the roof has been completed. He states that the expenses incurred already on building has amounted to Rs. 2,000; that Rs. 500 more is still required to bring the work to a completion and that he cannot raise that amount by further subscriptions. He therefore requests that a grant of Rs. 500 may be given him from the funds of the Asylum.

5. The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum recommends that the grant asked for may be sanctioned. The Committee however does not state whether the grant can be paid from the funds of the Asylum.

The Committee refused this in January 1906.
H. D. TAYLOR.

Orders are solicited.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—12-3-07.

The actual closing balance of the Lawrence Asylum (Male and Female branches), Ootacamund, for the year 1905–1906 is Rs. 5,022, while that according to the revised estimate for the current year is Rs. 8,199. The amount required, namely, Rs. 500, being small, can be met from the funds of the Asylum; but the Committee in recommending the application for grant is silent as to whether it is prepared to pay it out of its funds.

*Vide* pages 5 and 8 of the budget estimate of the Asylum.

K. Rangaswami Aiyangar—14-3-07.

The Asylum is evidently prepared to pay. The application is recited in the last paragraph of the priest's letter and the Committee approve of it.

C. A. Souter—15-3-07.

See rule 26 on page 10 of G.O., No. 689 B., dated 22nd December 1900, which contemplates a place being set apart *on the Asylum premises.*

Is there a separate chapel for Protestant service attached to the Lawrence Asylum? If not, where are those services held? What members of the staff are Roman Catholic?

H. D. Taylor—20-3-07

There is a chapel attached to the Lawrence Asylum—*vide* G.O., No. 622, Educational, dated 30th October 1901, where the purchase of a new organ for the chapel was sanctioned. Please also see the following Government Orders in the budget estimates printed with which provision was made for "chapel improvements."

*Vide* page 2 of the Government Order wherein the Director of Public Instruction makes mention of the chapel.

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The Principal, who is a Member of the Church of England, it is presumed, performs the service here.

But this is evidently a Church of England chapel and would not be available for mass.

H. D. Taylor.

2. With reference to the second question of the Secretary, viz., what members of the staff are Roman Catholics, it is submitted that this information is not available in this office. The draft reference to the Director of Public Instruction placed below may issue.

T.K.—21-3-07.

K. Rangaswami Aiyangar—21-3-07.

Issue.

C. A. Souter—22-3-07.

[Memorandum No. 561-1, dated 23rd March 1907.]

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*From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 15th April 1907, No. 2174.*

The Director of Public Instruction states—

(1) that no member of the Lawrence Asylum staff belongs to the Roman Catholic faith;

(2) that 48 children and 9 menial servants are Roman Catholics;

(3) that the Church of England services are held in the Asylum chapel; and

(4) that a small room is set apart for the religious instruction of the Roman Catholic children and for mass when the priest gives notice.

T. Kanakasundaram Pillai—20-4-07.

C. A. Souter—22-4-07.

The chapel which is under construction is not on the Asylum premises. There might, in case of epidemics, be objection to the Lawrence Asylum children visiting a chapel outside the premises, and mixing with the general public

2. It is hardly possible to rely on Father Robin's statement that the chapel is intended solely for the children and servants of the institution, when a sum of Rs. 2,000 out of the total estimated cost of Rs. 2,500 has been raised by public subscription.

3. As a shelter for the priest while in attendance on the Asylum a grant-in-aid of the building would be unobjectionable. Better however ascertain first how far distant the site of the chapel is from the Lawrence Asylum premises, and what means of access thereto exist, in wet weather.

H. D. Taylor—23-4-07.

A draft is placed below for approval.

T. Kanakasundaram Pillai—23-4-07.

C. A. Souter—24-4-07.

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*Demi-official from H. D. Taylor, Esq., Ag. Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, dated 24th April 1907, No. 902-1.*

With reference to your letter to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, No. 2948, dated 25th February 1907, on the subject of a grant to Father Robin towards the cost of constructing a chapel in Lovedale I am directed to ask you to kindly let me know what is the exact distance of Father Robin's chapel from the Lawrence Asylum buildings and what means of access thereto exists during wet weather.

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*Demi-official from Rev. A. W. Atkinson, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Lovedale, 24th April 1907.*

In reply to yours of the 24th instant, I beg to inform you that the chapel which Father Robin is constructing is just outside the Asylum boundary, above the site of the village, which Government allowed the Asylum to acquire, at the junction of the roads from Ootacamund, from the toll-bar from the Lawrence lake and from Deva Shola. It would be about a mile by road. A roadway is being cut from the toll-bar road up to the chapel.

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Educational Department.

Submitted.

2. Please see Secretary's note on page 2 and 3 *supra.*

T. Kanakasundaram Pillai—2-5-07.

C. A. Souter—2-5-07.

The grant of Rs. 500 asked for may be made from the funds of the Lawrence Asylum if the Committee is prepared to pay it.

The priest no doubt requires a convenient shelter, but it should be distinctly understood that the mere fact of contribution will not convey any sanction to the Roman Catholic children of the Asylum attending that chapel, and that the Rev. Father will, as heretofore, have to hold mass and give instruction on premises specially set apart on the Asylum premises under rule 26 of the Asylum rules, if so required.

H. D. Taylor—3-5-07.

G. S. F[orbes]—8-5-07.

I have seen the chapel and the rest-house and consider the site is conveniently suited for the Lawrence Asylum inmates. I don't see any object in allowing the Committee to contribute this Rs. 500 unless the children are to be allowed to attend the chapel. I suppose the Secretary intends that they should be allowed to do so unless some cause, such as the prevalence of measles or small-pox in the houses round the chapel makes it dangerous for them to do so. The bazaar out there is at present so small that there will be small danger for some time to come. I think the grant may be A sanctioned on condition that if the Principal at any time considers it dangerous to allow the children to attend the chapel, the priest shall be bound to hold the mass of the Asylum as he does now. I suppose, in any case, he would continue to give his religious instruction twice a week at the Asylum. It might be troublesome to allow the children to go to the chapel twice a week. It is, I should say, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the Asylum. However, the Committee will probably see to that.

Yes, that is what I understood. In short that there would be no absolute guarantee.

G. S. F[ORBES].

I would sanction the grant with the above conditions.

M. H[AMMICK]—13-5-07.

Please draft for approval as at **A**.

H. D. TAYLOR—14-5-07.

A draft is placed below for approval.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—15-5-07.

C. A. SOUTER—16-5-07.

It is stated that no member of the superior staff of the Asylum is at present a Roman Catholic, but the children should be escorted as far as the chapel by some member of the staff.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-5-07.

It need not be one of the *superior* staff so long as it is a responsible member of the staff (or establishment).

G. S. F[ORBES]—18-5-07.

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H. D. TAYLOR—20-5-07.

[G.O., No. 304, Educational, dated 20th May 1907.]

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## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Station Madras, Dated the 5 March 1907

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. T.T. Logan, B.A.
(Designation) Ag: Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OFFICE, MADRAS.

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N. Ref. on C. No. 1353 of 1907.
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Submitted to Government.

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OOTACAMUND LAWRENCE ASYLUM.

LOVEDALE P. O.

Nilgiri District, 25th Febry 1907

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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No 2948

FROM

THE PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY,
OOTACAMUND LAWRENCE ASYLUM,
LOVEDALE,

TO

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor, by direction of the Committee of this Asylum, to submit herewith copy of Resolution XV of its Proceedings, dated the 15th instant, with a letter from the R. C. Priest, who visits the Asylum to impart religious instruction to the children of his faith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Aug. Wm. Atkinson
Principal and Secretary.

Item No XV of Proceedings of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, dated 15th February 1907.

"Read letter from the Revd. Father Robin requesting a grant of Rs 500 towards the cost of erecting a Chapel in Lovedale".

"Resolved that the Committee forward this application to Government with its recommendation that it be granted".

(True Extract).

Aug. Wm. Atkinson

Lovedale.
23rd Febry 1907

Principal & Secretary
Lawrence Asylum.

From

Rev. L. Robin,
R. C. Priest, Ootacamund,

To

His Excellency the Governor in Council,
Fort St George, Madras,

Through the Managing Committee,
of the Lawrence Asylum, Lovedale.

May it please your Excellency.

I have the honor to call your Excellency's attention to the following request in connection with the Lawrence Asylum, Lovedale, hoping to be granted a favourable reply:

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I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's
most obedient Servant
L. Robin
R. Catholic Priest

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Submitting particulars called for in Government Memorandum No. 561-1 Educational dated 23rd March 1907 regarding the religious instruction in the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund.

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Station Madras, Dated the 15th April 1907.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. T.T. Logan, B.A.,

(Designation) Ag: Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department

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and

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priest gives notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Director of Public Instruction.

N.V.S.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 561 From the D. P. I. No. 1353, dated 5- 3- 1907.

SUBJECT. Payment of grant towards the cost of erecting a Roman Catholic chapel in Lovedale.

~~Under rule 26 of the Lawrence Asylum Rules — vide page 10 of G.O. no. 689 Edl dated 22nd Dec. 1900~~ — A Roman Catholic priest of Ootacamund visits the Lawrence Asylum twice a week for imparting religious instruction to the children of his faith and once a month for mass. Under G.O. no. 709 Edl dated 31st Oct. 1905 this priest now gets a carriage or pony allowance of Rs 20 a month.

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vide Rule 26 of Lawrence Asylum rules on page 10 of G.O. 689 Edl. d 22-12-00.
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2. This priest now submits an application through the Lawrence Asylum Committee for a grant of Rs 500 from the funds of the Asylum towards the construction of a Roman Catholic Chapel at Lovedale for the use of the Roman Catholic children of the Lawrence Asylum and of the servants of the same institution.

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already on building has amounted to Rs 2,000; that Rs 500 more is still required to bring the work to a completion and that he cannot raise that amount by further subscriptions. He therefore requests that a grant of Rs 500 may be given him from the funds of the Asylum.

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The Committee refused this in Jany 1906. - vide p6 of file
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5. The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum recommends that the grant asked for may be sanctioned. The committee however does not state whether the grant can be paid from the funds of the Asylum.

Orders are solicited.

T.K.
12-3-07.

The actual Closing balance of the Lawrence Asylum, (Male & Female Branches) Ootacamund for the year 1905-06 is Rs 5,022, while that according to the revised Estimate for the Current year

vide pages 5 & 6 of the budget Estimate of the asylum - XI

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Year is Rs 8,199. The amount required, namely, Rs 500, being small, can be met from the funds of the Asylum, but the Committee in recommending the appl. for grant, is silent as to whether it is prepared to pay it out of its funds.

Sec.

R.D.
14.3.07

The Asylum is ~~cru~~ evidently prepared to pay. The application is recited in the last para. of the Priest's letter on p 6 cf. & the Committee approve of it.

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15.3.7.

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See rule 26 on p16 of G.O 689 B d 22 Dec 1900 which contemplates a place being set apart ~~f~~ on the asylum premises.

Is there a separate Chapel for Protestant service attached to the L.A. Asylum? And where are those services held? What number of the staff are Roman Catholic?

HDS
20.3.07

There is a chapel attached to the Lawrence Asylum — vide G.O. no. 622 Edn dated 30-10-01 where the purchase of a new organ for the Chapel was sanctioned. Please also see the following G.Os. in the budget estimates printed with which

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vide page 2 of the G.O., where in the D.P.I.'s Mathes mention of the Chapel.

T.K. today please
R.D.
20.3.07

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provision was made for "Chapel improvements".

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But this is evidently a Church of England Chapel - would not be available for Mass,

H.G.

The Principal, who is a member of the church of England, it is presumed, performs the service here.

2. With reference to the second question of the Secretary, viz; what members of the staff are Roman Catholics, it is submitted that this information is not available in this office. The draft reference to the D.P.I. placed below may issue.

T.K.
21-3-07

R.D.
21.3.07

Issue

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22.3.7.

[Memo. no. 561-1 dated 23-3-07]

From the D.P.I. no. 2174 dated 15-4-07]

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The D.P.I. states

(1) that no member of the Law. Asylum staff belongs to the Roman Catholic faith;

(2) that 48 children and 9 menial servants are Roman Catholics;

(3) that the Church of England services are held in the Asylum Chapel; and

(4) that a small room is set apart for the religious instruction of the Roman Catholic children and for mass when the

priest gives notice.

7.K.
20-4-07

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Cel
24.4.7.

The Chapel which is under construction is not on the Asylum premises. There might in case of epidemics be objection to the L.A. Children visiting a chapel outside the premises & mixing with the general public

2. It is hardly possible to rely on Fr. Robin's statement that the Chapel is intended solely for the children & servants of the Institution, when a sum of R 2000 out of the total estimated cost of R 2500 has been raised by public subscription.

3. As a shelter for the Priest while in attendance on the Asylum ~~the~~ a grant in aid of the building would be unobjectionable. Better however ascertain first how far distant the site of the Chapel is from the L.A. premises & what means of access thereto exist in wet weather

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A draft is placed below for approval.

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√ Educational Dept.

D.O. 902-1 & 24-4-07.

Desp. from here
TK
24-4-07

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

With reference to your letter to the D.P.I., Madras, no 2948 dated 25th Feb. 1907 on the subject of a grant to Father Robin towards the cost of constructing a Chapel in Lovedale I am directed to ask you to kindly let me know what is the exact distance of Father Robin's Chapel from the Lawrence Asylum buildings and what ~~the~~ means of access thereto exists during wet weather

T.K.
23-4-07

CBS
24.4.7

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25/4/07

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D.O.

LOVEDALE, NILGIRIS,
24th April 1907.

From
THE PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY,
Lawrence Asylum,

To C. A. Souter Esq: Educational Depmt. Stonehouse.
Ootacamund.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your's of the 24th inst., I beg to inform you that the Chapel which Father Robin is constructing is just outside the Asylum boundary, above the site of the Village, which Govt. allowed the Asylum to acquire, at the junction of the roads from Ootacamund, from the Toll bar from the Lawrence Lake and from Deva Sholah. It would be about a mile by road. A roadway is being cut from the Toll bar road up to the Chapel.

Yours truly. Aug. Wm. Atkinson
Principal & Secretary

Submitted.

2. Please see Secretary's note on p. 5 supra.

T.K.
2.5.07

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CAS
2.5.7

The grant of Rs 500 asked for may be made from the funds of the L. A. Asylum if the Committee is prepared to pay it.

The Priest no doubt requires a convenient shelter, but it should be distinctly understood that the mere fact of contribution will not convey any sanction to the Roman Catholic children of the Asylum attending that Chapel, and that the Rev Father will, as heretofore have to hold mass and give instruction on premises specially set apart on the Asylum premises under rule 26 of the Asylum rules, if so required

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p. 10

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to H.M.

G. T. 8/5

Hon Mr Hammick

I have seen the Chapel & the rest house & consider the site is conveniently suited for the Lawrence Asylum inmates. I don't see any object in allowing the Committee to contribute the Rs 500/ unless the Children are to be allowed to attend the Chapel – I suppose the

Recd.

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Secretary intends that they sh$^{d}$ be allowed to do so unless some cause, such as the prevalence of measles or small pox in the homes round the Chapel make it dangerous for them to do so. The bazaar out there is at present so small that there will be small danger for some time to come. I think the grant may be sanctioned – on condition that if the Principal at any time considers it dangerous to allow the children to attend the Chapel the priest shall be bound to hold the mass at the Asylum as he does now. I suppose in any case he comes continue to give his religious instruction twice a week at the Asylum – It might be troublesome to allow the children to go to the Chapel twice a week – It is I sh$^{d}$ say about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the Asylum. However the Committee will probably see to that.

Yes that is what I understood. In short that there w$^{d}$ be no absolute guarantee

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I would sanction the grant with the above conditions.

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Please draft for approval as at "A"

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14.5.07

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A draft is placed below for approval.

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15-5-07

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16.5.7.

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It is stated that no member of the superior staff of the Asylum is at present a Roman Catholic – but the children should be escorted as far as the Chapel by some member of the ~~supe~~ staff.

HBJ
17-5-07.

HM

It need not be one of the superior staff ~~to~~ so long as a responsible member of the staff (or establishment) ~~the Priest will~~

GF
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**ORDER.** No. 304, dated 20 - 5 - 1907

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The Govt. are pleased to sanction the payment of a grant of Rs 500 from the funds of the Lawrence Asylum towards the cost of the Roman Catholic Chapel which the Rev. Father Robin at Lovedale is constructing. ~~on the condition~~

2. Children of the Lawrence Asylum (professing the R. C. faith) will ~~be~~ ordinarily be permitted to attend the Chapel ~~subject to quick~~ provided they are under the ~~[illegible]~~ charge of a responsible ~~[illegible]~~ member of the staff, ~~to~~ approved by the Committee. ~~may prescribe~~ and ~~but~~ subject to the condition ~~that~~

that if the Principal at any time considers it ~~dangerous~~ undesirable (owing to climatic conditions or prevalence of epidemics in the vicinity) to allow the Children to attend the Chapel, the ~~Clergyman~~ priest shall be bound to hold ~~the~~ mass at the Asylum, as ~~it is~~ he does ~~now done~~ at present.

3. ~~The Govt. presume that~~ Father Robin ~~would~~ ~~will~~ should however continue

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This seems a matter for the Committee

to give ~~his~~ religious instruction twice a week at ~~at~~ the Asylum itself ~~[illegible]~~, if ~~called upon~~ refused to do so. ~~It might be inconvenient~~ to allow ~~the children to go to the chapel twice a week.~~

T.K.
15-5-07

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To
The Committee of the L. A. ofy
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